

REMARKS

Overview

The Examiner has allowed claims 19, 30-35, and 95-112, and objected to claims 16 and 24-25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner has also responded in the prior Office Action as follows: rejected claims 8-15, 17-18, 20-23, 26-29 and 36-94 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Atarius et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,035); and rejected claims 54, 56, 75, 83 and 93 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants hereby amend claims 8, 24-25, and 109-112, and further add new claims 113-148 in order to clarify the subject matter of the claimed invention. In addition, claims 16 and 54-94 have been canceled. Thus, claims 8-15, 17-53, and 95-148 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the pending claims. While Applicants disagree that any of the pending claims are unpatentable over the cited references or for the asserted reasons, Applicants have nonetheless amended the claims in order to expedite prosecution of this application, such that all of the claims are in a form believed to be allowable based on the Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter.

In particular, claims 16 and 54-94 have been canceled, and the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 16 has been incorporated into independent claim 8. Allowable dependent claims 24, 25, 109, 110, 111 and 112 have each been rewritten in independent form, incorporating all of the aspects of the claims from which they depend. As such, each of the independent claims 8, 19, 24-25, 30, 107 and 109-112 is now believed to be in allowable form, and their dependent claims are each allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend. In addition, new independent computing device claim 122 has been added that recites language similar to that of allowed computer-readable medium claim 107, and is thus believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 107. Similarly, new independent computer-readable medium and computing device claims 134 and 141 have been added and each

recite language similar to that of amended method claim 8, and thus are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 8.

Thus all of the pending claims 8-15, 17-53, and 95-148 are believed to be in allowable form. In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to timely allow all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 694-4815.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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